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RE: Policy 0014-1 Return to Blended Vaccine Inventory

Dear Texas Vaccines for Children Provider;

As communicated in the October 15, 2013 memorandum, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) changed how providers may use, order and store Vaccines for Children (VFC)-funded vaccines. Texas submitted a proposal to the CDC to modify this mandate; this proposal has now been approved by the CDC and the modifications are as follows:

TVFC providers can go back to the practice to keep (store) TVFC supplied pediatric vaccine in a "blended manner." This means that providers do not have to separate public vaccines based on funding source (e.g. VFC, 317, CHIP, and State funds).

Please note that public doses must continue to be kept separate from privately purchased vaccines. In addition, providers enrolled in the DSHS Adult Safety Net (ASN) program must continue to separate their public pediatric doses from their public adult doses. Screening and documenting a child's eligibility is mandatory for every immunization visit.

Packing slips sent from McKesson will continue to have the funding sources used to purchase all publicly purchased vaccines.

TVFC providers are still required to screen and document a child's eligibility for every immunization visit. TVFC providers should also ensure that provider profile numbers, reported on an annual basis as part of the TVFC reenrollment process, reflect the number of children you serve in each age cohort. It is imperative that a child be counted only once for immunization services regardless of the number of visits. Accurate counts are critical.

We appreciate your continued support of the TVFC Program. If you have questions, please contact your DSHS Health Service Region or TVFC Regional Consultant. The TVFC Regional Consultant contact information is included below.

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Sincerely,



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